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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PLO JO
SUBJECT: ARAFAT THREATENS "DISAPPEAR"

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1. REFTTEL REPORTS ARAFAT INTERVIEW COMPLAINING BITTERLY OF PRESSURES ON HIM TO FORM PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, INCORPORATE RESISTANCE GROUPS INTO PLA, REORGANIZE PLO ON GEOGRAPHIC LINES AND GO TO GENEVA.

2. REPRINTED IN EGYPTIAN DAILY GUMHURIYYA UNDER HEADLINE "ARAFAT THREATENS TO DISAPPEAR", THIS ARTICLE NATURALLY REGARDED AS OF POTENTIALLY CRUCIAL SIGNIFICANCE. LOCAL JOURNALISTS AS OF JANUARY 13 UNABLE DIG UP ANY BACKGROUND ON SPECIFICS FOR ARAFAT'S EXTRAORDINARY OUTBURST, THOUGH IT IS ASSUMED THAT HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE IN THE MIDST OF ALL OUT SYRIAN EFFORT EMASCULATE INDEPENDENT FATAH. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT LOCAL CURIOSITY BOILING OVER ON SUBJECT PLO/HKJ SECRET CONTACTS. WE CAN EXPECT SPATE OF RUMORS ON SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY WITH ABU IYAD
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AND HUSAIN BOTH IN EGYPT AT SAME TIME. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN "ASSURED" BY ONE WELL INFORMED REPORTER THAT ABU MAYZAR, DESPITE HIS DISCLAIMERS, HAD SECRET TALKS RECENTLY WITH JORDANIANS.

3. ONLY CRUMB OF INFO WE HAVE GARNERED IS FROM UK EMBOFF WHO SPOKE TO RIBHI AWAD, FATAH'S CAIRO OFFICE DIRECTOR, EVENING JANUARY 12. AWAD, CLOSE CONFIDANT OF ARAFAT'S, STATED

UNEQUIVOCALLY PNC EXPECTED CONVENE CAIRO FEBRUARY 15. LIKELY
OUTCOME OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE PROBLEM, AWAD THOUGHT, IS HOARY
FORMULA THAT ARAFAT BE AUTHORIZED FORM SUCH GOVERNMENT WHEN HE
THINKS TIME IS RIGHT. GIVEN 1974 PNC RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY IN LIBERATED TERRITORY, AWAD
COULD SEE NO NEED TAKE FURTHER RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE.
(COMMENT: THUS DISCOUNTING THEORY PNC IS TO BE VEHICLE FOR
AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL).
WHILE HIS REFERENCES TO HUSAIN WERE AS DEROGATORY AS USUAL,
AWAD NOT AVERSE TO NOTION OF POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH EAST
BANK, "SINCE 75 PERCENT RESIDENTS ARE PALESTINIANS."
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